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Re: NEPA

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I am opposed to the Transmission line because a significant amount of solar power can be generated in the San Luis Valley area FOR USE IN THAT AREA. And, a significant amount of solar power can be generated in the Pueblo area FOR USE IN PUEBLO AND ALONG THE FRONT RANGE. There is no need to connect the two areas with an expensive transmission line.

I represent the owners of more than 24,000 acres of land in the Pueblo area through which runs the existing Xcel transmission lines. We are willing to have 5,000 to 10,000 acres, or more, of our land used for solar power projects and several solar companies have expressed interest.

The expensive proposed transmission line from San Luis Valley to Pueblo is unnecessary.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **B-007-001: Purpose and Need (In Review)**

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Project purpose and need will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.